

**Town of New Glarus**  
**Parks Commission Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**

ATTENDING: Russ Whitacre, Dana Emmerton, Andy Elkins, Ellen Caskey and Diane Ziehli, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Chris Reis, Chris Narveson and Pete Raskovic

ALSO ATTENDING: Keith Seward and Adam Ingwell

CALL TO ORDER: R. Whitacre called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Proof of Posting: D. Ziehli, Deputy Clerk confirmed proper posting.

2. Approve Minutes of June 14, 2012: Minutes reviewed, E. Caskey noted an error on page 2, paragraph 4, the first sentence the wording "which includes additional 5+ acres" should be deleted. There was no objection to the amendment. E. Caskey moved to approve the minutes as amended. A. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

3. Updates

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Barn Workshop Planning - P. Raskovic was absent. Without objection, the barn workshop discussion will be added to the next Parks meeting.
- b. Community Centers Slide Presentation by P. Raskovic - P. Raskovic was absent. Without objection, the presentation will be added to the next Parks meeting.
- c. Alphorn Man Triathlon – Scheduled for Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers can contact Nic, 7:30 am start time.
- d. Bluebird Ridge Conservancy - Adam Ingwell was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Ingwell, who lives near conservancy, offered to help the parks commission develop a 5-year plan for the management of oak seedlings, prairie care, seasonal controlled burns, selective weed control, and re-seeding within the Bluebird Ridge Conservancy. Ingwell could serve as a consultant for the plan and help put together a budget for the conservancy, he has worked for 20 years in this field. He also said he would be able to coordinate volunteers and do actual work. R. Whitacre stated a plan that includes work action plans would address maintaining the work already completed. Work completed includes; a scheduled burn this fall as a continuation of late spring burn and mowing to remove grape vines, sumac and honeysuckle. The Parks Commission needs to coordinate volunteers to help with the Bluebird Ridge/neighborhood, possible creation of a friends group and D. Emmerton and A. Elkins suggested possible Boy Scouts involvement. The Parks Commission would like to build more bluebird boxes and continue to monitor the habitat. R. Whitacre will coordinate an evening walk-through of the conservancy with A. Ingwell and commission members.
- e. Parks Board Membership - Parks chair position expires this month, July 2012. Adam Ingwell has expressed an interest in working with the park board but not as a member at this time. At this time, the parks chair position remains open and an appointment is needed at next meeting.
- f. Dog Park – No discussion.

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g. Library Project Discussion – The commission members felt they probably wouldn't go forward on their own unless someone donated land to the town. The commission will invite Town Chair to attend future meeting to present results of village meeting. The Park Commission unanimously agreed that all parks board members need to be present to discuss the proposal and make a decision on how to proceed. R. Whiticore felt it was important to present plans to former committee members for their support. K. Seward exited the meeting @ 8:01 p.m.

h. Jt. Town/Village Parks – No discussion.

4. Public Comments - none

5. Schedule next meeting and agenda - Thursday, August 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn – E. Caskey moved to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Emmerton. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.